



## 2013 Formula AmeriCorps State Technical Assistance FAQ

This FAQ contains information pertaining to the 2013 Montana AmeriCorps Formula Request for Proposal (RFP) process. AmeriCorps State Grants are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (OCS).

Technical assistance will be available to applicants from March 27 to May 1, 2013. Questions should be submitted via email to [serve@mt.gov](mailto:serve@mt.gov). All questions and answers will be posted publicly in the FAQ document on the ServeMontana website at <http://serve.mt.gov/funding/>. Questions will be dated with the most recent added to the top. It is highly recommended that applicants read through all materials including the FAQ, application instructions, performance measure instructions, and full Notice of Funding.

### **April 24, 2013**

**Question:** When inputting the narrative into the Continuation section of eGrants, should we delete the Year 2 continuation narrative, or simply add the Year 3 continuation narrative under the Year 2 text. Applications instructions say continuation narrative should be under 6 pages, and I wasn't sure if that was per year, or total allowable in this section. I'm assuming it's a "per year" limit, but let me know if otherwise.

**Answer:** If possible, leave all the previous continuation narrative and add a header for the 3rd year narrative which you'll want to keep to 6 pages. If you find that eGrants limits the narrative to just 6 pages total, then you can edit the previous continuation narrative to make more room. The previous application remains intact under the early grant application number so that information can be recreated. If you need to do extensive editing or cutting, it would be good to make a note in the narrative so the reader knows that there were items that can be found in the earlier proposal.

### **April 17, 2013**

**Question:** In the previous grant year our program was awarded additional slots through supplemental formula funding. In our continuation application we wish to maintain the number of slots we were originally awarded plus the slots we received through supplemental funding. Is requesting slots previously awarded through supplemental funds considered an expansion request?

**Answer:** Yes. Suppose a program that was awarded 10 formula slots with an additional award of 3 slots contingent of supplemental funding applies. When submitting their continuation request this program should consider 10 slots their original award. Any request above those ten slots should be treated as an expansion request.

### **April 3, 2013**

**Question:** What is the expectation for formula programs to conduct an evaluation?

**Answer:** The CNCS expectations for formula programs regarding evaluation are outlined on page 13 of the [application instructions](#). For a formula program that has completed three years of funding an evaluation plan, summary, or evaluation report is required when submitting a recompetitve application.

**March 27, 2013**

**Question:** Where can I find help with performance measures?

**Answer:** CNCS has a number of new resources this year, for more information please visit:

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/npm/home>

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/npm/ac>

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/npm/training-resources#overview>